

## Steering Committee Meeting Summary

December 1, 2021

### Participants

Darren Carlson (Marshall SWCD), Jacob Snyder (Polk County), Nicole Bernd (West Polk SWCD), Mori Maher (MSTRWD), Henry Van Offelen (BWSR), Matt Fischer (BWSR), Rachel Olm (HEI), Katrina Haugen (MSTRWD), Tony Nordby (HEI), Kylie Beard (HEI), Scott Jorgenson (Marshall County), Darren Mayers (BWSR)

### Updates



### Measurable Goals

Throughout October and November, stakeholders developed the goals for the Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. The goal section was written to help the public to frame why each goal is important in helping address issues in the watershed. The nine Measurable Goals include:

- **Altered Hydrology and Flooding**
- **Drainage Systems**
- **Stream Stability and Riparian Habitat**
- **Excess Sediment**
- **Soil Health**
- **Phosphorus Loading**
- **Groundwater**
- **Upland and Wetland Habitat**
- **Excess Bacteria**

Each goal is prioritized and will have targeted actions associated with it so that planning partners know where and on what to work. Short-term goals help measure progress toward the long-term desired condition of the watershed.

The Steering Committee approved the Measurable Goal section to move to the Advisory Committee.

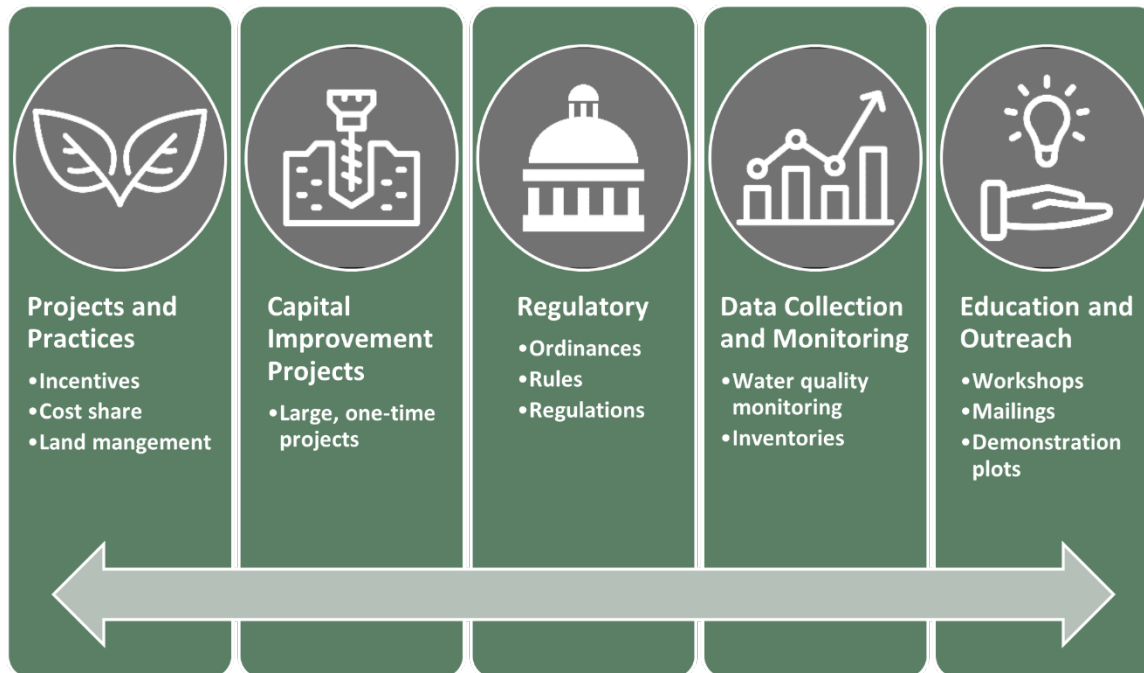
## Implementation

### Funding Levels

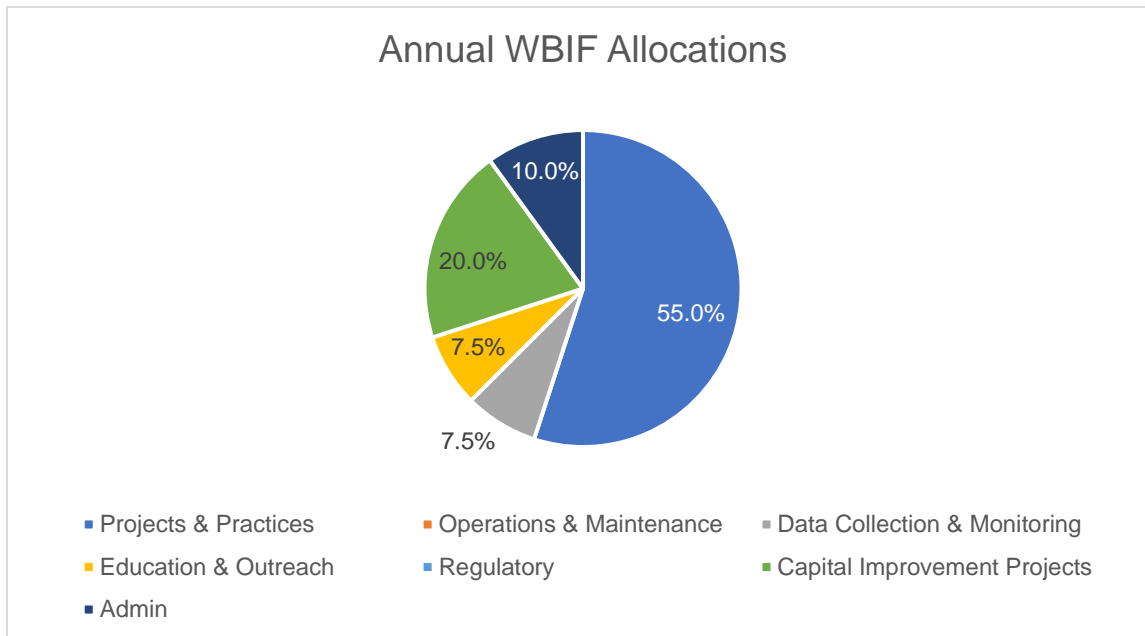
Three funding levels were approved at the October 6 Steering Committee meeting for use in the MSTR 1W1P:

- **Level 1: Current Funding**
- **Level 2: Current + WBIF**
- **Level 3: Partner and Others**

In the December 1 meeting, the Steering Committee discussed what percentage of future Watershed Based Implementation Funds (WBIF) should go to each of five different implementation programs. These implementation programs include:



Based on discussion, the group is initially planning to distribute annual WBIF as shown. This percentage breakdown acknowledges the overlap between Projects and Practices and Capital Improvement Projects. In example, some projects that are components of Capital Improvement Projects (like side water inlets) may be funded by the Projects and Practices program.



### Targeted Implementation Table

Initial drafts of the targeted implementation table were presented to the Steering Committee. This table lists actions that have been suggested in previous meetings and by the WRAPS to help address issues, what goal each action meets, metrics by which their success will be measured, and what funding level contributes to their implementation. Committee members will provide additional actions for future discussion.

### PTMApp Decisions

Several PTMApp decisions were made during the December meeting:

- BMPs will be ranked based on sediment and cost-effectiveness
- BMPs will be identified at the edge of field scale
- The Steering Committee will discuss further how to budget for each planning region

### Next Meetings

Regularly scheduled meetings for each planning committee are as follows:

- **Steering Committee:** First Wednesday of every month, 9:00 – 11:00 AM
- **Advisory Committee:** Third Wednesday, every other month, 9:00 – 11:00 AM
- **Policy Committee:** Third Wednesday, every other month (following the Advisory Committee meeting), 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Next Scheduled Meetings:

- **Steering Committee:** Wednesday, January 5, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
- **Advisory and Policy Committee:** Wednesday, February 16, 9:00 – 11:00 AM